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SUB: NEUES DEUTSCHLAND DEFENDS NEW GDR JOURNALIST DECREE

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1. IN A LENGTHY EDITORIAL, MARCH 11 ND VIGOROUSLY DEFENDED RECENT GDR ORDINANCE REGULATING ACTIVITIES OF FOREIGN JOURNALISTS (REFTEL) AS LEGITIMATE EFFORT TO CONSOLIDATE AND REFINE " VALID NORMS" OF JOURNALIST BEHAVIOR IN VIEW OF " CURRENT INFLUX OF NEW CORRESPONDENTS." REJECTING ACCUSATIONS OF FRG MASS MEDIA THAT NEW REGULATIONS WOULD HINDER REPORTAGE, EDITORIAL MAINTAINED THAT NO COUNTRY EXCEPT FRG HAS SEEN FIT TO RAISE ANY OBJECTIONS TO DECREE.

2. EDITORIAL MAINTAINED THAT, IN FACT, FRG JOURNALISTS NOT ONLY VISIT GDR IN GREAT NUMBERS-- ACCORDING ND, 12 WEST GERMAN PERIODICALS NOW ACCREDITED IN GDR AND OVER 1200 FRG CORRESPONDENTS VISITED EAST GERMANY LAST YEAR-- BUT ENJOY GOOD WORKING CONDITIONS, INCLUDING " UNRESTRICTED ACCESS TO PEOPLE, PARTICIPATION

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IN INTERNATIONAL PRESS CONFERENCES AND RIGHT TO VISIT GDR EXHIBITIONS, FIRMS AND SCHOOLS." WHILE GDR OFFERS ALL FOREIGN JOURNALISTS EQUAL TREATMENT, EDITORIAL COMPLAINED, CORRESPONDENTS IN FRG ARE SUBJECTED TO " PERSISTENT DISCRIMINATION."

3. IN PARTING SHOT, ND SAID THAT IF ONE WISHES REALLY TO SEE JOURNALISTIC DISCRIMINATION IN ACTION, ONE WILL NOT FIND IT IN GDR ORDINANCE BUT RATHER IN CERTAIN CAPITALISTIC LANDS, SUCH AS USA, WHERE FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT TO FINGER-PRINTING AND PHOTOGRAPHING BY POLICE, OR IN FRG, WHERE ND CORRESPONDENT AND HIS FAMILY HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO OBTRUSIVE SURVEILLANCE (BESPITZELUNG).

4. COMMENT. WHILE EDITORIAL APPEARS DESIGNED TO REAFFIRM STIFF GDR POSITION RE JOURNALIST ARRANGEMENTS IN EAST GERMANY, ITS TONE ALSO SUGGESTS CONCERN LEST CRITICISM OF GDR' S PRESS POLICY, PARTICULARLY FRG CRITICISM, TARNISH ITS NEWLY- ACQUIRED INTERNATIONAL IMAGE. FACT THAT GDR FEELS COMPELLED TO ENGAGE IN PUBLIC DEBATE WITH FRG ON WHAT OTHER WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES USUALLY DESCRIBE AS INTERNAL MATTERS OF NO CONCERN TO OTHERS REFLECTS GDR' S FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEM: AS DISTINCT FROM ITS ALLIES, GDR HAS NOT ONLY A " BIG BROTHER" IN EAST BUT ALSO A REAL BROTHER IN WEST, WITH WHOM IT MUST CONTEND BOTH DOMESTICALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY. KLEIN

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